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Bill Summary =

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Overview

The bill preempts local ordinances that prohibit employees of local governmental units from sharing immigration data with federal authorities. The bill also preempts local ordinances that prohibit government employees from inquiring about immigration status.

Section

1 Preemption of local law; illegal immigration.

Subd. 1. Immigration status; prohibiting local governmental interference.

Paragraph (a). Preempts local laws that prohibit or in any way restrict employees from sending or receiving immigration data from federal authorities.

Paragraph (b). Preempts local laws that prohibit or in any way restrict government employees from:

- (1) sharing immigration data with federal authorities;
- (2) maintaining immigration data; and
- (3) exchanging immigration data with federal, state, or local units of government.

Paragraph (c). Preempts local ordinances and policies that prohibit or unconditionally restrict government employees from inquiring about immigration status.

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Section

Paragraph (d). Authorizes local governmental units to continue to enforce ordinances and policies intended to eliminate racial profiling.

2 Local governmental unit. Defines local governmental unit broadly.